

# **Federal Process for Water Resource Project Implementation**

**Bureau of Reclamation  
Mid-Pacific Region  
Planning Division**

# Basic Requirements

- **Authorization**
- **Funding**

## Implementation Phase

- **Planning**
- **Pre-Construction Engineering and Design**
- **Construction**

# Process

- **Congressional Authority (Study Authority)**
- **Appraisal Study**
  - pre-feasibility planning
  - establishes federal interest for feasibility study
  - decision document for feasibility authority request
- **Feasibility Study**
  - detailed planning investigation
  - includes environmental documents
  - decision document for construction authority request
  - requires cost-sharing

# Process (cont'd)

- **Congressional Authorization**
  - authorizes Federal participation for project implementation
  - includes cost-sharing/allocation of project
- **Pre-Construction Engineering and Design**
  - appropriations to fund detailed design, plans and specifications, permits, etc.
- **Project Construction Phase**

# Timeline

- Appraisal Study 12 months
- Appraisal Report Process Time 12 months
- Feasibility Study Appropriations Process Time 12 months
- Feasibility Study 4 years
- Feasibility Report Process Time 1 year
- Appropriations Process Time 1 year
- Pre-Construction Engineering and Design 2 years
- Construction 5 - 7 years

**Total Time** —————→ **+16 years**